

## 2001 AFSF High School Design Competition Program

### Program

You have been commissioned to design a Cable Car Visitor Center for the City of San Francisco. The center will be located at the corner of Hyde and Beach Streets and will serve as an anchor for the Municipal Railway's Powell/Hyde line.

The building will serve as a tourist destination and a landmark structure for the City of San Francisco.

### Site

The site is located at the corner of Hyde and Beach Streets near Aquatic Park. To the south of the site is Ghirardelli Square with the SF Maritime Museum to the west and the San Francisco Bay to the north. Assume that there are no existing structures on the site (see attachment).

The surrounding buildings bordering the site are an eclectic mix of different architectural styles (creating the vernacular that is pervasive within the area). From the massive brick buildings found in Ghirardelli Square, to more contemporary edifices, the area around the site creates a vernacular all its own. Not to be left out is the potential of farming the wondrous views from the site. The Golden Gate Bridge and the gardens at Aquatic Park are just a few of the many picturesque scenes that are available.

### The Building

The structure should be no more than 1 story high and not exceed 2,750 square feet, not including outdoor areas. The building should stand as a landmark within the context of this historic neighborhood. This may be achieved by using a contemporary aesthetic which contrasts with the building's surroundings or by including references to the historic nature of this area in the building's design. All major areas of the structure should be accessed from the exterior. Since this is a public building it will need to comply with ADA guidelines (refer to attachments for typical clearances and requirements).

### Building Area

Museum	1,000 sq. ft.
Gift Shop	325 sq. ft.
Trolley Waiting Area	500 sq. ft.
Storage	200 sq. ft.
Ticket Office	75 sq. ft.
CafÉ	350 sq. ft.
Restrooms	150 sq. ft.
Outdoor Plaza	
Circulation	150 sq. ft.

*Total Building Area 2750 sq. ft.*

### Additional Requirements

Write a brief paragraph (150 words) on any of the two topics mentioned below:

- 1 How does the building's design relate or contrast with the surrounding architecture? Why?
- 2 How does the building's design tie it to the past while looking to the future?